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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Notification by Spring Valley Telephone Company, Inc.,  
That It Intends to Increase Telephone Rates

5660-TR-103

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

On April 23, 1998, the Public Service Commission (Commission) received notification from Spring Valley Telephone Company, Inc., that it intends to modify rates for several classifications of telephone service at its Spring Valley exchange in Pierce and St. Croix Counties. In many instances the changes are increases in prices to the customers. The utility served notice of the increase to its customers on April 28, 1998. Under § 196.215(3)(a), Stats., the proposed rates will become effective July 1, 1998. Customers have the opportunity to petition the Commission for an investigation of the utility's rate increase.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Commission will investigate this matter under § 196.215(3)(a), Stats. If the Commission receives a timely petition from at least 96 customers of the utility requesting that the Commission determine rates, tolls, and charges, the utility's proposed increases may still go into effect; however, the rates will then be subject to refund and further investigation will be necessary.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Commission deems it necessary in order to carry out its duties herein to investigate the books, accounts, practices, and activities of Spring Valley Telephone Company, Inc., as a public utility. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such investigation will be assessed against and collected from Spring Valley Telephone Company, Inc., as a public utility, in accordance with the provisions of § 196.85, Stats., and ch. PSC 5, Wis. Admin. Code.

This action is classified as a Type III action according to § PSC 4.10(3), Wis. Admin. Code. Furthermore, since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under § 1.11, Stats., nor an environmental assessment is required.

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Questions on this matter may be directed to Tom Gross, Principal Rate Analyst,  
Telecommunications Division, at (608) 267-2337.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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